PREMIER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Structure and Terms of Reference

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Introduction

The Premier, the Honourable Bill Vander Zalm, made a commitment in the March, 1988 Speech from the Throne to consult with groups and individuals throughout the Province regarding the establishment of a Premier's Advisory Council. The Premier had originally made this commitment personally to Rick Hansen in May, 1987 at the completion of his epic Man in Motion Tour to increase the public's awareness of the needs and capabilities of persons with disabilities.

The idea of the Premier's Advisory Council originated in 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP). One of the recommendations of the British Columbia IYDP Committee was:

> *"that a Premier's Advisory Committee on the needs of Disabled People be established to advise on legislation, policies, programs and other matters affecting disabled people. The Committee should be comprised of informed community members of whom at least half are disabled, and it should report directly to the Premier."*

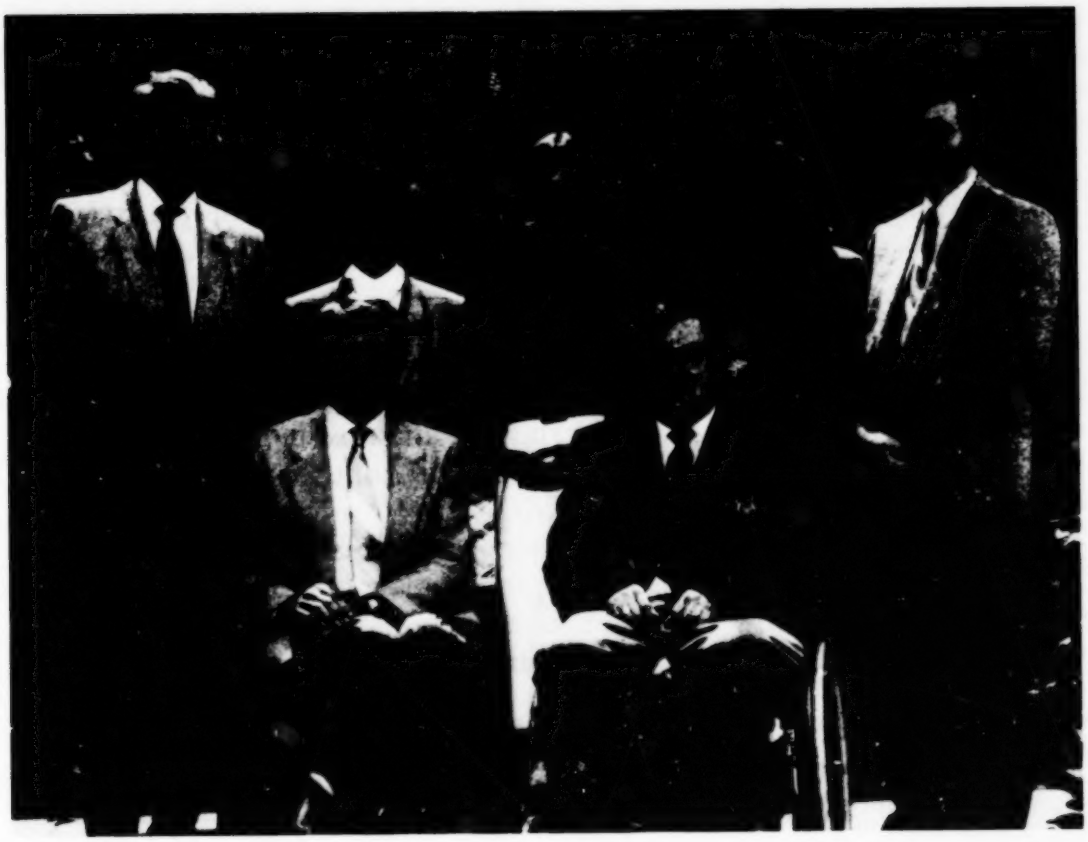
The Honourable Elwood N. Veitch, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services, was delegated the responsibility for the formation of the Council. The Minister appointed a Steering Committee which toured the province to receive input on the structure and terms of reference for the Council. A questionnaire was developed requesting input on function, structure, membership and community relationships recommended for the Council. Approximately 800 people attended the meetings in Nanaimo, Chilliwack, Prince George, Kamloops, Terrace, Kelowna, Dawson Creek, Vancouver, Smithers, Castlegar and Victoria. Interpreters were present for the hearing impaired. Approximately 300 oral and written submissions were received.

The responses received, both oral and written, were well thought out, well presented and indicative of the high level of expertise that exists in the communities on how to most effectively meet the needs of persons with disabilities. The members of the Steering Committee wish to extend their appreciation to all participants in this consultative process for the time and energy they invested in preparing and delivering their presentations. The recommendations for the mandate, responsibilities, objectives and structure are based on the input from the community.

Many of the same concerns of individuals and groups were reiterated several times. These major concerns have been summarized in the report. It was not possible, due to the number of submissions, to list every concern expressed but it is felt the ones listed are the priorities of the majority of presenters.

The Council, in fulfilling its mandate, will ensure that these concerns are addressed and that persons with disabilities will have equal opportunity to participate in all facets of life in British Columbia communities.

STEERING COMMITTEE



Back Row: (l to r) Mike Hughes, Andree Lachance (Project Coordinator), Paula Grant, Christie Brown, Peter Van Rheenen

Front Row: (l to r) Douglas J. Wilson, Douglas L. Mowat (Chairman)

STEERING COMMITTEE

Members

Douglas L. Mowat (Chairman) has an impressive record of service to persons with disabilities dating back to 1960. He is Executive Director of the Canadian Paraplegic Association (B.C. Division), and a Member of the Legislative Assembly (and past Chairman, Social Credit Caucus). He was Director, International Year of Disabled Persons (B.C.) and Chairman, Man in Motion World Tour (B.C.). Mr. Mowat uses a wheelchair for mobility.

Christie Brown is Coordinator, Adult Special Education and Human Services Program for Colleges, Institutes and Universities, Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training. Christie works with staff of post-secondary facilities in analyzing the requirements of persons with disabilities, developing curriculum and programs to meet these requirements and coordinating services. Prior to this position, Christie was employed by Malaspina College. Her responsibilities included instruction, curriculum and program development for special needs students, community relations and staff training. Christie has also worked in a supervisory capacity in mental health facilities.

Paula Grant is the Director of Rehabilitation and Support Services Division, Ministry of Social Services and Housing. She has been with the Ministry for 13 years as a line worker, supervisor and manager. This division is responsible for special needs day care, infant development, services to mentally handicapped adults, community projects and seniors' counsellors.

Mike Hughes is a Public Information Officer with the Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, the ministry given the responsibility for establishing the Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities. He handled many of the internal and external communications/public relations needs for the Committee in the form of reports to the Minister, news releases, and responses to public enquiries. He has a background in Journalism and has worked for The Canadian Press and the Victoria Times.

Peter Van Rheenen is Acting Executive Director of the Services to the Handicapped Division of the Ministry of Health. This division is responsible for working in partnership with other ministries, divisions, families, and individuals who have mental and physical disabilities, and community-based agencies and service providers, to develop alternatives to institutional care. In addition, the division's responsibilities include the delivery of therapy support services to preschool children through an array of early intervention programs.

Doug Wilson is a Member, B.C. Council of Human Rights. The Council is responsible for investigating human rights complaints, 22% of which concern individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Doug is currently President of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA). He has spent many years in service to the disabled including an involvement in organizing the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association and the Vancouver Handicapped Resource Centre. He was a Placement Officer for the provincial Public Service Commission for seven years and Director of Rehabilitation for the Canadian Paraplegic Association (B.C. Division) for 17 years. Doug uses a wheelchair for mobility.

Andree Lachance (Project Coordinator) has several years of experience in project planning and management including the role of Coordinator, Commonwealth Summit Business Program, for the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Vancouver and Protocol Officer (Canada Department of External Affairs) with Expo 86. She is a professional organizer.

Consultant

Gail Thomas (Writer) is a Program Development Officer, Labour Market Policy Section, Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training. One of the responsibilities of this section is the administration of the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement. Gail was previously with the Ministry of Social Services and Housing as a Social Worker responsible for day care placements of children with special needs, a Public Information Officer and Acting Provincial Coordinator, Day Care, Infant Development and Community Projects.

FUNCTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Mandate
- Role
- Objectives
- Goals

Mandate

The Premier has stated that the mandate of this Council is to actively encourage and promote greater participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of the social, economic and cultural life of British Columbia. The Council will maintain an awareness of the concerns of persons with various disabilities and advise the Premier on the most effective and efficient means of addressing these concerns.

Role

The Council will review existing and proposed legislation and government policies as they relate to persons with disabilities and provide leadership in recommending changes to improve service delivery.

The Council will coordinate the establishment of a directory of services (municipally, regionally and provincially) and ensure its distribution and access to all disability groups.

The Council will represent the interests of all disability groups.

The Council will function within the framework of the World Health Organization's definition of impairment, disability and handicap: impairment as any disturbance of or interference with the normal structure and functioning of the body, including the systems of mental function; disability as the loss or reduction of functional ability and activity that is consequent upon impairment; and handicap, the disadvantage that is consequent upon impairment and disability.

The Council will maintain a close liaison between government and consumers and their advocates.

The Council will facilitate research to support the identification of barriers and needs, and to provide information for recommendations on new or improved methods of service delivery.

The Council will promote public awareness which will encourage positive attitudes towards and a greater understanding of disabilities, thereby removing attitudinal barriers.

Objectives

To be proactive in recommending changes that promote full integration of persons with disabilities into the economic and social fabric of their communities.

To eliminate fragmentation of services or regional disparities.

To set priorities and time lines for the development of services that minimize effects of disabilities and prevent or reduce handicaps resulting from disabilities.

To facilitate cooperative efforts between the government and associations to provide these new services.

To identify community education programs designed to improve the public's understanding of persons with disabilities.

To work towards an eventual summary of information on prevalence, severity and distribution of disability throughout the province.

To prepare an Annual Report for the Premier which will include a summary of activities undertaken to promote awareness of the potential of persons with disabilities, to create new opportunities for persons with disabilities, and to change existing programs or legislation to facilitate access for persons with disabilities.

Goals

Based on its mandate, the Council will work towards the following goals:

- Economic independence for persons with disabilities (including improvements to Guaranteed Available Income for Need Act, Gain for Handicapped and employment incentives).
- Freedom for persons with disabilities to choose their own options related to education, employment, housing, transportation, recreation and support services.
- Establishment of the means by which persons with disabilities can have the same opportunities as non-disabled persons to reach their full potential as citizens of British Columbia.
- An awareness by the general public of the abilities and potential of persons with disabilities.
- An understanding by the general public of the nature of each particular disabling condition.
- Community, regional and provincial coordination of services for persons with disabilities.

STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

- Chairperson
- Membership
- Terms of Office
- Remuneration
- Secretariat
- Liaison with Existing Support Network

Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Council will be appointed by the Premier. The remaining positions on the Council will be filled through a nomination process.

The Chairperson will have demonstrated a considerable understanding of the issues facing persons with disabilities and of the barriers that impede their integration into the mainstream of community life. This understanding will have normally been attained through significant experience working with persons with disabilities and/or being a member of a particular disability group.

The Chairperson's position will normally require a part-time commitment, but this may vary depending on the number of issues the Council is responding to at any given time.

Membership

Nominations for the position of Council member will be solicited from organizations currently serving persons with disabilities, Mayor/Municipal Committees and the general public. Council will consist of up to 12 members in addition to the Chairperson.

In making selections, the Premier, in consultation with the Chairperson, will consider the following:

- a substantial number of members should be persons with disabilities
- there should be at least one representative from each of the eight development regions of the province
- each Council member will be an independent representative to the Council, and not represent one particular disability.

Staff from those ministries currently serving the needs of persons with disabilities will provide a consultative role to the Council on an as-needed basis. Sub-committees may be set up by the Council to address ongoing areas of concern such as housing, employment, education, transportation and recreation.

Terms of Office

Council members will be appointed by Lieutenant-Governor in Council for up to three years.

Terms of appointment will be varied to ensure continuity.

The Council will meet on a regular basis.

Remuneration

The Chairperson and Council Members will be paid a per diem amount consistent with Treasury Board policy as well as remuneration to cover the costs of travel and any out-of-pocket expenses related to Council business.

Secretariat

It is recommended that a Council Secretariat be established to provide administrative assistance to the Council, its sub-committees and task forces.

It is further recommended that the Secretariat will consist of a Coordinator, Research Officer and two support staff.

The Coordinator will report to the Council Chairperson. He/she will have excellent communication, administration and supervisory skills as well as experience working on behalf of persons with disabilities. The incumbent should have knowledge of the provincial network of services available to persons with disabilities and the role of government in this network.

The Research Officer will be knowledgeable of research methodology and the research priorities of persons with disabilities.

Liaison with Existing Support Network

The Council will work closely with all ministries providing services to persons with disabilities on all issues affecting the status of these persons. Where appropriate, Ministers will designate a key liaison person to assist the Council.

The Council will consult with Cabinet, through the Premier or Provincial Secretary, on any issues requiring their support or direction.

The Council will liaise with disability organizations, rehabilitation centres and Mayor/Municipal Committees to receive information and consultation on concerns and needs of the disabled community.

MAJOR CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED BY COUNCIL

- Introduction
- Housing/Independent Living
- Transportation
- Education/Training
- Support Services to Families
- Employment
- Income Support
- Health Coverage
- Coordination of Information
- Other Issues

Introduction

The Steering Committee heard or read hundreds of submissions from individuals with disabilities and individuals representing those with various disabilities. It is not possible to list every concern; however, many were repeated by various presenters as being critical. These have been summarized in this section.

It should be noted that while many service delivery concerns were identified, respondents were also positive about existing services, both government and private. Many acknowledged the gains that persons with disabilities were individually making in achieving independence, the energy and strength of commitment of members of various disability organizations, the cooperation of municipal boards/councils and the hard work of ministry line and management staff.

Housing/Independent Living

There is a need for affordable and accessible housing for persons with disabilities in both rural and urban areas of the province. It was felt by many of the presenters that independent living arrangements should be encouraged along with the necessary supports to facilitate this. Access/renovation grants for homeowners and purchase assistance for non-homeowners should be made available.

Transportation

Considerable input was received on the need to improve transportation services for children and adults with disabilities. The lack of adequate transportation affects access to treatment, education, employment and recreation. It was recommended that funding sources for transportation services be identified, that hours of operation for handi-dart systems be extended, and that subsidies be available to drivers to assist with disability-required equipment in vehicles.

Education/Training

Many concerns were expressed around the issue of access to education for both children and adults. Some of these included integration, transitional services, classroom supports, physical accessibility and equitable access to post-secondary services. An overriding feeling was that education should be a right of persons with disabilities and not contingent on their potential for employment or independence.

Support Services to Families

A major concern of several presenters was the lack of support services to families choosing to care for family members with disabilities in their own homes. Financial assistance, respite care, counselling and equipment were listed as priorities.

Employment

During the consultation process, many persons with disabilities, as well as their advocates, stressed the importance of employment opportunities for all disability groups in order to promote self-worth and reduce dependence on social service systems. Recommendations included improved earnings exemptions, affirmative action hiring policies and legislation, assistance with entrepreneurship initiatives and liaison with business and industry to solicit their support. It was stated during one of the presentations that persons with disabilities should be allowed to contribute and demonstrate their capabilities rather than have employers focus on disabilities.

Income Support

Concerns were expressed about the level of income support to persons with disabilities. Recommendations included tax reform measures to recognize the additional costs of disability, no reduction (at least initially) in GAIN for Handicapped for persons obtaining part-time employment or increases in Federal disability pensions and subsidies to families who had to purchase specialized equipment for family members.

Health Coverage

It was felt that there were many extra medical, equipment and supply expenses for persons with disabilities that were not covered through insurance plans. Some of the problems identified were inconsistency of current funding of occupational therapy services, inadequate coverage for orthotics, lengthy waiting periods for speech therapy and a need to reimburse families for transportation and living expenses related to out-of-town treatment.

Co-ordination of Information

Almost all presenters referred to a lack of information on services available to assist persons with disabilities and on the nature and prevalence of specific disabilities. It was felt that the early development of an effective and efficient communication system was critical. Recommendations included the development of resource directories at the local level, a province-wide resource directory and a resource line accessible free of charge to all B.C. residents.

Other Issues

Other issues that were mentioned less frequently than the above included:

- the need for research priorities to be established
- close liaison of Council with the B.C. Council of Human Rights
- revision of Building Code to more realistically reflect access needs of persons with disabilities
- close captioning of educational videos (e.g. sexual abuse prevention for hearing impaired children)
- nutrition education and counselling related to prevention and amelioration of disabling conditions.
- a need for support services for head-injured individuals, including a rehabilitation centre and specially designed educational programs
- further development of support services for individuals with schizophrenia

APPENDICES

Appendix One

NAME	REPRESENTING	CITY
Adams, Sherri	Community Options for Children and Families	Cobble Hill
Armstrong, Dr. R.	Sunny Hill Hospital for Children	Vancouver
Backmeyer, Mr. & Mrs. L.	Themselves	Sarona
Balahura, Michael	Abilities Awareness Advisory Committee	Castlegar
Barlee, Veronika K.	B.C. Friends of Schizophrenics	Victoria
Batt, Gregory	Victoria Vocational College	Victoria
Beaton, Peg	Vancouver Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities	Vancouver
Bechstead, Bernice	Learning Disabilities Association of B.C.	Castlegar
Bellefontaine, Melvin	Self	North Vancouver
Begin, Allison	Child Development Centre	Kitimat
Best, Paul J.	Capital Region Association of the Mentally Handicapped	Victoria
Best, Valerie	Okanagan College	Kelowna
Belknap, J. V.	Self	Victoria
Bieberly, Larry	C.N.I.B.	Kelowna
Blanche, David	B.C. Head Injury Association	Vancouver
Bleck, Elix	Self	Kelowna
Blight, Stan	Arbutus Society Parent Action Committee	Victoria
Bobie, Patti	Self	Vancouver
Bordewick, Jolene	Capilano College	North Vancouver
Bradley, John D. S.	Northern Association of Injured and Disabled Workers	Prince George
Brandolini, Len	Special Needs Advisory Committee	Prince George
Braun, Kevin	Self	Kamloops
Brennan, James	Malaspina College	Nanaimo
Bresnahan, Jim	Self	Chase
Bridle, John	Multiple Sclerosis Society	Victoria
Brown, Cheryl	Self	Vancouver
Brown, Sherrie	Children's Development Centre	Fruitvale
Bunn, Pat	Cerebral Palsy Child Development Centre	Prince George
Burke, Brian	Vancouver Island Head Injury Society	Victoria
Burnham, Darrell	Coast Foundation Society	Vancouver
Burns, Adele	Learning Disabilities Association of B.C.	Victoria

Buxton, Robert	AIHMI	Prince George
Cameron, Bill	Neil Squire Foundation	North Vancouver
Cameron, Gwen	TASH Executive Association for the Severely Handicapped	Vancouver
Candy, Vivienne	Handi Circle	Prince George
Carver, Peter	Disabled People Advocacy Project	Vancouver
Caswell, Nancy	Cowichan Opportunity Centre	Duncan
Cave, Glen	North Okanagan Handicapped Association	Vernon
Chabot, Senga	Children's Development Centre	Trail
Chambers, Maureen	Self	Nanaimo
Charleson, Murray	Council Advisory Committee on the Disabled and the Elderly	Nanaimo
Chowen, Wes M.	Self	Victoria
Clark, Elise	Kelowna and District Society for the Mentally Handicapped	Kelowna
Clark, Mike	Self	Kamloops
Cobb, Walter	City of Williams Lake	Williams Lake
Colby, Adrienne	Kelowna and District Society for People in Motion	Kelowna
Cooper, Beth	The British Columbia Society of Occupational Therapists	Vancouver
Coe, Samantha	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Victoria
Crawford, Riola	Creative Centre Society	Abbotsford
Cunningham, Nora M.	Self	Victoria
Davidson, Rita	Post Polio Awareness and Support Society	Victoria
Degeatty, Kathleen	Terrace View Lodge	Terrace
Doane, Wayne	Ministry of Health	Vernon
Doren, Linda	Canadian Mental Health Association	Prince George
Dormer, John	Mayor, City of Kamloops	Kamloops
D'Souza, Eileen	Self	Kamloops
Dumler, Mike	Canadian Union of Public Employees	Burnaby
Dias, Louise R.	Self	Trail
Emmerson, John	Okanagan Club of the Deaf	Kelowna
Ensign, Rusty	Self	Kelowna
Enoch, Bob	Mission Association for the Mentally Handicapped	Mission
Erickson, Anne	Malaspina College	Nanaimo
Fane, Marilyn	Upper Fraser Valley Neurological Society	Clearbrook

Farris, Sinclair	Village of Chase Committee for the Disabled	Chase
Franchi, Linda	Self	Vancouver
Fife, Carolyn	The Arthritis Society	Lantzville
Fisher, Jerry	Self	Victoria
Finlay, Ann	Occupational Therapist	West Vancouver
Foodikoff, Pat	Learning Disabilities Association of British Columbia	Castlegar
Forgraves, Patricia	Self	Vancouver
Forrest, Jennifer	City of Prince George	Prince George
Forshaw, Brian	Vancouver Resources Society for the Physically Handicapped	Vancouver
Fowlie, Jim	Self	Prince George
Fueller, William H.	The Better Breathers Club of Victoria	Victoria
Gabrielle, Mr. & Mrs. C.	Themselves	Prince George
Galdames, Ycha	Malaspina College	Nanaimo
Gallarneau, Kathleen	Lower Mainland College Coordination Project	Vancouver
Garcia, Eileen	C.N.I.B.	Nanaimo
Gelling, Sharon	Self	Victoria
Generaux, Chantal	B.C. Educational Association of Disabled Students	Vancouver
Gerrard, Diane	Canadian Physiotherapy Association	Vancouver
Gibbs, Joan	Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	Vancouver
Gietz, Wes	Vancouver Island Autistic Homes	Victoria
Goddard, Len	Self	Kelowna
Grierson, Charles	Western Rehabilitation Society	Vancouver
Grundmann, Gertrude	Happy Gang Centre	Terrace
Guerra, Natalia M.	Pacific Association for Autistic Citizens	Vancouver
Harris, Michael	Chilliwack District Deaf/Hearing Association	Chilliwack
Harris, Pat	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Prince George
Hawalich, Chris	Abilities Awareness Advisory Committee	Castlegar
Henderson, Marie	Self	Kelowna
Henley, Liz	Children's Development Centre	Trail
Hevey, Marie C.	Chilliwack Action for Access Society	Chilliwack
Hicks, Penny	Epilepsy B.C.	Vancouver
Hildebrand, Sunny	Friends of Schizophrenics	Westbank
Hildebrand, Marie	Self	Terrace
Hill, Barbara	Self	Chase

Hoedner, Rita	Self	Prince George
Hofsink, Hank	Spiner Bifada Association	Smithers
Hogan, Doug	Self	Castlegar
Hughes, Kathy	Epilepsy B.C.	Vancouver
James, Terrance N.	Self	Courtenay
Jenkins, Venera	Self	Vancouver
Joe, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	Themselves	Rossland
Johnston, Leo	Canadian Cancer Society	Victoria
Johnstone, David	People First	Victoria
Jones, Roy	Duncan Handicapped Advisory Committee	Duncan
Kardelis, Marg	Self	Prince George
Kelly, Carrie	Cariboo College	Kamloops
Kennedy, Kevin	East Kootenay Community College	Cranbrook
Kerr, Kathie	Self	Chilliwack
Kess, Kathy	Post Polio Awareness and Support Society	Victoria
Kruper, Sue	Shuswap Disabilities Association of British Columbia	Canoe
Lachmuth, Al	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Prince George
Lafortune, Cathy	Abilities Awareness Advisory Committee	Castlegar
Landon, E. J.	The Child Development Centre	Fort St. John
Leckie, Winston S.	Community Review Committee: B.C. Friends of Schizophrenics B.C. Head Injury Association Canadian Mental Health Association Canadian National Institute for the Blind (B.C.) Canadian Paraplegic Association (B.C.) Community Living Society Family Link Greater Vancouver Mental Health Services Interagency Mental Health Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of B.C. Learning Disabled Adults of B.C. Learning Disability Association of B.C. ORW Western Institute for the Deaf	Vancouver
Lee, Dr. Douglas	Laurel House Society	Vancouver
Lewis, David	John Howard Society	Nanaimo
Lindsay, Jan	Selkirk College	Nelson
Lingdun, Gladys	Chilliwack White Cane Society	Chilliwack
Lister, Sue	Theatre Terrific Society	Vancouver
Loewen, Gladys	Douglas College	New West.

Logelin, Bob	Vancouver-Richmond Association for Mentally Handicapped People	Vancouver
Loreth, Mitch	Ministry of Health	Victoria
Ludvigson, James	Self	Nanaimo
MacGillivray, Paulette	Child Development Centre	Smithers
Mackenzie, Lynn	People's Resources Centre	Kamloops
Mackie, Betty	School District No. 37 (Delta)	Delta
MacLachlan, Mary	Kinsmen Child Development Centre	Nanaimo
Makhdoom, Nighat	Fort St. John Regional Professional Resource Team	Fort St. John
Maniago, Jackie	Community Family Link	Vancouver
Marriotte, Gail	Maple Ridge Association for the Disabled	Maple Ridge
Marshall, C.	Mayor, Village of Chase Committee for the Disabled	Chase
Mason, Gary	Chilliwack Action for Access Society	Chilliwack
Massie, Margo	B.C. Coalition of the Disabled	Vancouver
Masuda, Shirley	Canadian PID Society	Vancouver
Matthews, John	Upper Fraser Valley Society for Mentally Handicapped People	Sardis
McGougan, Ann	Interface	Nanaimo
McGougan, Ed	Seniors Resources and Research Society	Nanaimo
McGuire, Maureen	Terrace Child Development Centre	Terrace
McInnis, Pius	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Kemloops
McIntosh, Stephanie	Kamloops Family Support Society	Kamloops
McKnight, George	Self	Nanaimo
McMillan, Doug J.	Vancouver Island Multiple Sclerosis Society	Nanaimo
McTaggart, Patty	Children's Development Centre	Trail
Mendham, Trevor L.	Recreational Integration Representative Northwest Region B.C. Recreation and Parks Association	Richmond
Meredith,Lynn	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	Vancouver
Messman, Bruce	B.C. Educational Association of Disabled Students	Vancouver
Michallik, Lillian	Children's Development Centre	Trail
Miller, Fran	College of New Caledonia	Prince George
Millman, Sid	Self	Kelowna
Millner, Leslie	Prince George Association for Individuals with Mental Handicaps	Prince George
Mitchell, L.	Vernon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group	Vernon

Montgomery, Elsie	Nanaimo Stroke Club	Nanaimo
Moore, Audrey	City of Castlegar (Mayor)	Castlegar
Morgan, Howard	B.C. Friends of Schizophrenics Society	Vancouver
Morrisson, Anne	Port Alberni Parks and Recreation Commission	Port Alberni
Mracek, Dennis	Disabled Persons Society of Dawson Creek	Dawson Creek
Neubauer, Joanne	Handicapped Action Committee	Victoria
Newcomen, Sherri	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Kelowna
Nutting, Doug	Recreation Integrated Services	Victoria
Oyler, Louise	Kamloops Family Support Society	Kamloops
Perry, Ted	Self	Nanaimo
Peters, Lois	Cariboo College	Kamloops
Piontkovsky, Grace	Association of Learning Disabled Adults	Vancouver
Prediger, Sharron	Nanaimo Regional General Hospital	Nanaimo
Pope, Annette	Children Treatment Independent Living Society	Chilliwack
Porter, Joan	Spouse Support Group, Nanaimo Stroke Club	Nanaimo
	Prince George Senior Citizens Home Society	Prince George
Pronger, Jo	B.C. Coalition of the Disabled	Chilliwack
Przywara, John F.	Broadacres Residence for Handicapped Adults	Grand Forks
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Rakuson, Marilyn	Self	Trail
Rawkins, Peter	City of Penticton	Penticton
Richardson, Maggie	Northern Lights College	Dawson Creek
Rogers, Dee	Self	Kelowna
Rowan, Jacqueline	Self	Nanaimo
Ryper, Henry A.	Handicope	Port Alberni
Russell, John	Greater Vancouver Mental Health Service Society	Vancouver
Salmond, Wayne	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Creston	Creston
Saunders, Stan	Richmond Community Services Advisory Council	Richmond
Schuyff, Johan	Self	Victoria
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Shannon, Jim	Self	Kamloops
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Simmons, John	Self	Kelowna
Simpson, M. John	B.C. Head Injury Association	Maple Ridge
Sinclair, Glen	Village of Kitwanga	Kitwanga
Smith, Ann	Self	Smithers
Smith, Ralph	Self	Nanaimo
Snijders, Ernst	Self	Vancouver
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Sullivan, Jennifer	Self	Burnaby
Sunday, Eric	Self	Prince George
Symington, Dave	Open Learning Institute	Richmond
Turnbull, Lynn	Buckley Valley Friends of Schizophrenics	Telkwa
Thomas, Rae	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Ymir
Thomson, Cecile	Ozanam Sheltered Workshop	Victoria
Thompson, Walter	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Victoria
Torrison, David	Parent Advisory Committee for Arbutus Society for Children	Victoria
Walls, Doug	British Columbians for Mentally Handicapped People	Vancouver
Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Albert	Themselves	Creston
Weber, Teresa	Self	Rossland

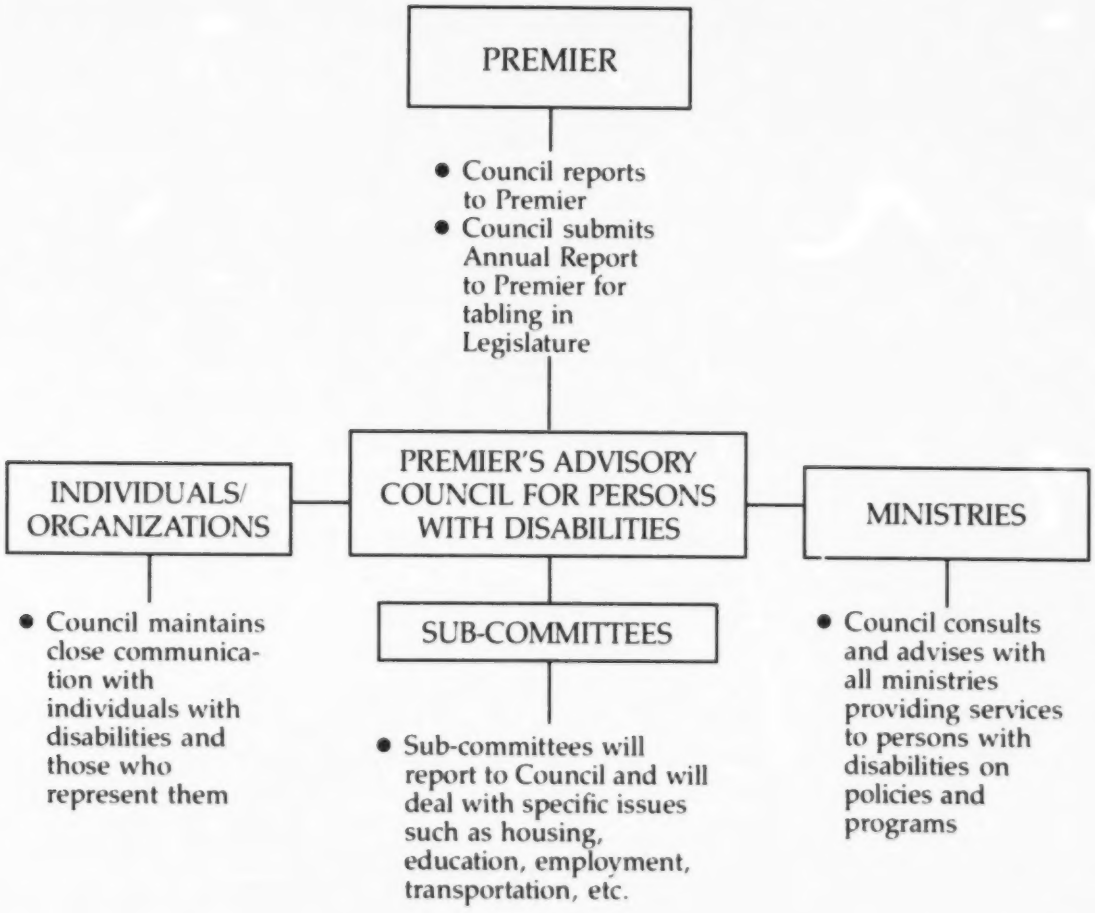
Weeden, Marie	Chilliwack Friends of Schizophrenics Western Institute for the Deaf	Sardis Victoria
Wiens, Ken	Self	Maple Ridge
Wilmot, Ponnie	Self	Smithers
Werner, Rick	Self	Terrace
Wyberg, Irene	North and South Okanagan Head Injury Society	Peachland
Wyngaard, Jon	Children's Development Centre	Trail
Vick, Lucy	Think Ahead	Vancouver
Vlug, Henry	Self	Vancouver
Yates, Bob	Ministry of Tourism	Victoria

The Steering Committee regrets that some names are missing from the above list due to written submissions arriving after the document went to print.

Appendix Two

STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL

Council facilitates communication between persons with disabilities and government


PREMIER
• Council reports to Premier
• Council submits Annual Report to Premier for tabling in Legislature
INDIVIDUALS/ ORGANIZATIONS
PREMIER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINISTRIES
• Council maintains close communication with individuals with disabilities and those who represent them
SUB-COMMITTEES
• Sub-committees will report to Council and will deal with specific issues such as housing, education, employment, transportation, etc.
• Council consults and advises with all ministries providing services to persons with disabilities on policies and programs

Appendix Three

Questionnaire — Request for Community Input

The following are the major areas on which input is requested for the establishment of the Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with a Disability. While detailed, written or oral briefs addressing each point are encouraged, the questionnaire itself can be compiled and forwarded to Mr. Doug Mowat, M.L.A., c/o Parliament Buildings, Victoria, by May 15, 1988:

1. Please provide your comments and suggestions on the function of the Premier's Council, noting specific priorities. (Please comment on the mandate, role, goals and objectives for the Council.)

2. Describe the preferred structure for the Council. (e.g., representation by the eight economic regions, reporting relationships, size, the need for legislation, use of sub-committees.)

3. How should the membership of the Council be determined? (Criteria for a selection process, appointments, elections, the role of volunteers *versus* paid staff persons, methods for ensuring equitable representation, size of the committee.)

4. Groups such as municipal or mayor's committees have been established in some British Columbia communities as a liaison structure for the many and diverse local and regional groups. Please indicate whether you think this committee system is appropriate or whether an alternate one would be preferred.

5. Please describe methods by which the Council can use support structures in the community to assist in meeting its goals. (Relationship with government departments, non-government agencies, other councils and boards as well as a potential for working committee structures.)

6. Please provide comments on other issues which you feel important in the process of establishing the Premier's Council for Persons with a Disability.

7. What activities should the Council not become involved in?